State	Area of exploration	No. of Field Season programmes undertaken	Resource estimated by GSI
Andhra Pradesh	Cuddapah, Nellore, Kurnool district	6	Work is in Progress
Karnataka	Gadag, Chitradurga, Bellary, Davanegere districts	18	0.293 million tonne gold ore with an average grade of 2.00 gram/tonne in Ajjanahalli East Block, Tumkur district (2005-06).
Tamil Nadu	Nilgiri and Krishnagiri districts	2	Result is not encouraging
Rajasthan	Banswara, Ajmer, Bhilwara districts	10	A total resource of 47.90 million tonnes with average grade 1.97 gram/tonne gold in Bhukia in Banswara district, (major part during 2004-05).
Jharkhand	Ranchi and West Singhbhum districts	11	1.11 million tonne gold ore with an average grade of 2.24 gram/tonne gold in Parasi, Ranchi district (2005-06). 0.33 million tonne gold ore with an average grade of 3.65 gram/tonne gold in Pahardia, West Singhbhum district (2005-06).
Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat and Katni districts	3	Result is not encouraging
Chhattisgarh	Kanker and Raipur districts	3	Resource is yet to be assessed.
Kerala	Palakkad and Wayanad districts	2	Result is not encouraging.

Discrimination against Muslim OBCs

819. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether muslim OBCs are facing severe discrimination on the basis of both religion and caste; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) After considering the report of the Sachar Committee, it has been decided to accept in principle its recommendation regarding setting up an Equal Opportunity Commission which will look into grievances of deprived groups regarding discrimination.

Development of Rajiv Gandhi Bio-Technology Centre

820. SHRI THENNALA G BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the development of Rajiv Gandhi Bio-Technology Centre, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allotted for the centre in the last budget;

(d) the total amount spent so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The taking over of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-technology, Thirvananthapuram, *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2007 has been recently approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on August 2, 2007. The Budget allocations for the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-technology will be finalized after the approval of Expenditure Finance Committee.

Recommendations of **the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities**

† 821. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of National Commissioner for Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations made in the report;

(d) government's reaction to those recommendations; and

(e) whether Government propose to implement the report?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities are under consideration of the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.